

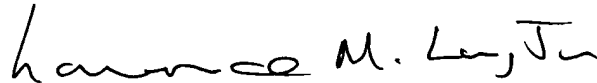
Remarks

The present amendment, which cancels the non-elected claims, clarifies issues on appeal and does not present new matter. Further, it is submitted that the present amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search and consideration by the Examiner. As such, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and solicit a Notice of Allowance indicating such at the earliest possible time.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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